NOVEMBER 2 TO 4, 2026

CCRE Annual Energy Leaders Roundtable



Kananaskis Mountain Lodge
Kananaskis, Alberta

Council for Clean & Reliable Energy

Aligning Ambitions: Can energy, climate, and industrial policy be aligned to achieve Canada's aspirations to become a global "energy super-power"?

AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

4:00 pm	**Registration**	*Black Diamond Lobby*
4:30 – 5:30 pm	**Opening Reception**	*Summit Room*

5:45 pm

Opening Remarks

Hon. Rod Phillips, Chair, Council for Clean & Reliable Energy, Vice Chair, Canaccord Genuity Corporation, former Minister of Finance and Minister of Environment, Government of Ontario

A Tribute to Glen O. Wright, Former CCRE Chair and Founder

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Dale Friesen, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Chief Government Affairs Officer, ATCO

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Opening Keynote Speaker

Corey Hogan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Canada, MP for Calgary Confederation, Government of Canada

Geopolitical change requires new approaches to ensure Canada's independence, security, and future prosperity. Policy can no longer reside in silos. How can energy, climate, and industrial policy be aligned to achieve our aspirations?

Moderator: **Dale Friesen,** Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Chief Government Affairs Officer, ATCO

7:00 pm **Dinner** *Summit Room*

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

7:00 am **Breakfast Buffet** *Black Diamond Club*

8:15 am **Reconvene** *Mount Kidd Ballroom*

8:15 – 8:30 am **Welcome and Introductions**
Karen Taylor, Vice Chair, Council for Clean & Reliable Energy, Managing Co-editor, Energy Regulation Quarterly

8:30 – 9:30 am **Keynote Speaker**
Janet Brown, Principal, Janet Brown Opinion Research

Results, Observations, and Takeaways from the Alberta Referendum 2026: What Just Happened and What is Next?

Moderator: **Karen Taylor,** Vice Chair, Council for Clean & Reliable Energy, Managing Co-editor, Energy Regulation Quarterly

Moderated Q&A

9:30 – 10:00 am **Break** *Mount Kidd Ballroom*

10:00 – 10:45 am **Panel One: What is the Opportunity – Can Canada become a Global Energy Super-Power?**
The world has an energy problem and Canada is the solution. This fireside chat will explore the global conflicts and supply crunches that have sparked an international energy crisis, and the argument that Canada can help solve it through increased conventional and clean energy exports.

Deborah Yedlin, President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce

Moderator: **Dale Friesen,** Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Chief Government Affairs Officer, ATCO

Moderated Q&A

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Panel Two: What is the Plan to Align Energy, Climate and Industrial Policies?**
Energy policy announcements have been coming fast and furious – from the "Grand Bargain" announced in November 2025 to the action plan Canada's *National Electricity Strategy* announced in May 2026, and Bill C-39, the *Building Canada Strong Act* tabled in September 2026. Will announced policy initiatives achieve the alignment of energy, climate and industrial policy? What are the trade-offs?

Moderator: **Chris Benedetti,** Managing Partner and CEO, Sussex Strategy Group

Panelists: **Greg Orencsak,** Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada, Government of Canada
Larry Kaumeyer, former Deputy Minister, Energy and Mines, Government of Alberta
Luticia Miller, Vice President of Project Development, Cree- Métis, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Buffet Lunch** *Mount Kidd Foyer and Ballroom*

1:00 – 1:30 pm **Relationship With the Land**
Elder Virgle Stephens, Stoney Nakoda Nation
Ollie Benjamin, Ceremonial Helper, Stoney Nakoda Nation

1:30 – 2:45 pm **Panel Three: Executing the Plan - Delivering on Canada's Bold Ambition**
Achieving the federal and provincial government ambitions for Canada to become a global energy superpower will require significant private sector investment, cooperation between governments and support from Indigenous communities. Canada recently sought to catalyze $1 trillion in new investment for energy, critical minerals and infrastructure projects. Executing the plan will require unprecedented co-operative action. Who is responsible for what? Is Canada's energy industry ready to deliver buildable projects? How will competing interests be aligned? What tools and additional policy or regulatory changes are needed to maintain momentum?

Moderator: **Janine Sullivan,** Chief Executive Officer, Fortis Alberta

Panelists: **Blaine Collett,** Senior Advisor, Project Development, Kapawe'no First Nations, First Nations Major Projects Coalition
Michael Powell, Vice President, Government Relations, Electricity Canada
Paul Cheliak, Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Gas Association

2:45 – 3:15 pm **Break** *Mount Kidd Ballroom*

3:15 – 4:30 pm **Panel Four: Aligning Industrial and Energy Policy – The 70% Challenge**

Governments are increasingly using energy policy as an instrument of industrial strategy – both to stimulate growth of downstream sectors such as critical minerals, data centres, and hydrogen, and to stimulate upstream supply chain sectors. Trade challenges with the U.S. are causing governments to prioritize domestic suppliers, for example in the defense industry where the government has a "70% challenge" for local procurement. What is the opportunity for Canadian-based supply chains in our energy industries? Can the success of the nuclear industry in fostering domestic suppliers be replicated?

Moderator: **Aaron Engen,** President & CEO, AESO, former Vice Chair, Investment & Corporate Banking and Co-Head, Energy Transition, BMO Capital Markets

Panelists: **Hon. Todd Smith,** Vice-President of Marketing and International Business Development, Candu Energy Inc., former Minister of Energy, Economic Development and Trade, and Government House Leader, Government of Ontario
Rob Morgan, CEO, Alberta Energy Regulator
Marc Brouillette, Principal Consultant, Strategic Policy Economics, CCRE Member

5:00 pm **Reception** *Cedar Room Restaurant*

6:00 pm **Dinner** *Cedar Room Restaurant*

8:00 pm **U.S. Midterm Election Watch Party** *Cedar Room Restaurant Bar*

Wagoneer: **Laryssa Waler,** Founder & CEO, Henley Strategies, former Executive Director of Communications, Office of Premier Doug Ford, Government of Ontario

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

7:00 am **Breakfast Buffet** *Black Diamond Club*

8:30 am **Reconvene** *Mount Kidd Ballroom*

8:30 – 10:00 am **Keynote Speaker**

Greg Lyle, President, Innovative Research Group

Trade and Energy: How to Play the Hand that Trump has Dealt Us

Moderator: **Hon. Rod Phillips,** Chair, Council for Clean & Reliable Energy, Vice Chair, Canaccord Genuity, former Minister of Finance and Minister of Environment, Government of Ontario

Moderated Q&A

10:00 – 10:30 am **Break** *Mount Kidd Ballroom*

10:30 – 11:45 am **Panel Five: Politics and the Energy Sector**

Mid-terms, Middle East, Machinations and Managing Canadian ambitions. Politics and energy in uncertain times.

Moderator: **Laryssa Waler,** Founder & CEO, Henley Strategies, former Executive Director of Communications, Office of Premier Doug Ford, Government of Ontario

Panelists: **Ed Stewart,** Partner and COO, Novel Strategies
Sonya Savage, Senior Counsel, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, former Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, former Minister of Energy, Government of Alberta
Robert (RJ) Johnston, Director of Energy and Natural Resources Policy, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary
Patrick Sackville, Partner and Head, Strategy and Growth, Sussex Strategy Group

11:45 am **Closing Remarks**

Hon. Rod Phillips, Chair, Council for Clean & Reliable Energy, Vice Chair, Canaccord Genuity, former Minister of Finance and Minister of Environment, Government of Ontario

12:00 noon **Adjournment and Traveler's Lunch** *Mount Kidd Foyer*

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http://www.thinkingenergy.ca

The Council for Clean & Reliable Energy (CCRE) is a federally incorporated non-profit organization that provides a platform for dialogue and analysis on subjects related to energy policy. The CCRE was formed by a group representing academia, public and private sector business leaders, First Nations and labour.

The Council understands the value of creating a broader and more inclusive public discourse. During the last decade the Council has facilitated conferences, thought leader's roundtables, distributed opinioned publications and shared knowledge and expertise. Its efforts have been recognized and appreciated by decision-makers in government and the energy business as providing a neutral forum for the free exchange of ideas and opinions. The Council remains committed to continuing to facilitate debate on the generation, transmission and distribution of clean, affordable and reliable energy with a clear focus on finding effective solutions for Canada and abroad.

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